



Baker / Face Prescribed Fire Treatments Beaver Ranger District, Fishlake National Forest



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Planned Date: Spring 2015

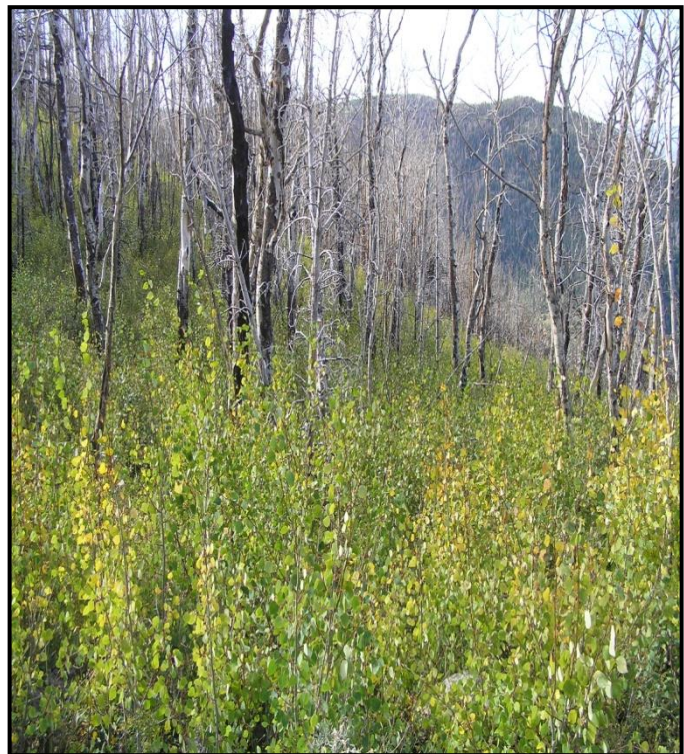
Location: On the west side of The Beaver Ranger District, East of Beaver approximately 5 miles in Baker Canyon. N38°17'15.41" by W112°31'38.25"

Legal Description: Township 27 South, Range 6 West, Sections 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21 & 22 as well as Township 28 South, Range 6 West, Sections 33, 34 & 35.

Project Description:

Starting spring 2015 the Beaver Ranger District plans to implement the prescribed burn portion of the project by igniting the pinyon and juniper trees that were cut in the chaining last winter. Prescribed fire will be used to clean up these cut trees now that they have cured. Approximately 2/3^{ths} of the cut trees will be left unburned to facilitate rangeland habitat recovery and limit conversion to cheat grass.

The area consists of a mixture of Pinyon/juniper and Gambel's oak with mixed conifer, and aspen fuel types at higher elevations. Fire exclusion over time in this area has left abundant dead and down fuels increasing the risk of a high severity wildfire. Other objectives fire managers have for the burn is to return fire to its natural role on the landscape to maintain a diverse mosaic pattern of vegetation, increase herbaceous forage production for wildlife, improve range habitat, as well as reduce the fuel loading in the area.



Past prescribed burn projects with similar vegetation composition within the Fishlake National Forest have shown to improve the health and vigor of desirable vegetative species.